27. (amended) A window decoration according to claim 20, characterized in that the first and second face each have a rectangular shape.

28. (amended) A window decoration according to claim 20, characterized in that the first face is higher than the second face.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17, 19, 22-28.

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Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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3. A window decoration/sun protection in the form of a single-layer roller blind which can be wound up at its upper side, characterized in that the window decoration, when brought into a condition ready for use, comprises a first face extending in horizontal direction over at least substantially the full width of the window decoration and that the window decoration, when brought into the condition ready for use, comprises a second face extending in horizontal direction of the window decoration, the first face transmitting at least substantially no light, the second face subduing the incident light in such a manner that a person present at his workplace in an inner space provided with the window decoration can still look outside through the second face, the first face being located above the second face.

- 15 4. A window decoration according to claim 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the second face extends over at least substantially the full width of the window decoration.

 5. A window decoration according to any one of claims 1-4 characterized in that the first and the second face adjoin
 - 6. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims characterized in that the second face extends down to a lower side of the window decoration.

 7. A window decoration according to any one of the
 - extends up to an upper side of the window decoration.

 8. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims characterized in that the first and the second face each have a rectangular shape
- 9. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims characterized in that the first face is formed by horizontal slats of a first type of non-light-transmitting design, and that the second face is formed by horizontal slats of a second type of light-transmitting design.

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10. A window decoration according to claim 9, characterized in that the slats of the second type are perforated.

11. A window decoration according to claim 9 or 10, characterized in that the slats of the first type are of non-

perforated design.

12. A window decoration according to any one of preceding claims 1-8, characterized in that the first and the second face are formed by vertical slats, while to each of said slats it applies that it transmits at least substantially no

light for a first portion of the relevant slat, said first portion forming part of the first face, and partially transmits light for a second portion of the relevant slat, said second portion forming part of the second face.

13. A window decoration according to claim 12, characterized in that said second portion is of perforated design.

14. A window decoration according to claim 12 or 13 characterized in that said first portion is of non-perforated design.

15. A window decoration according to claim 3 and optionally one of claims 4-8 characterized in that the first face is formed by a first cloth of the roller blind, said first cloth transmitting at least substantially no light, and that the second face is formed by a second cloth of the roller blind, said second cloth transmitting incident light partially.

16. A window decoration according to claim 15, characterized

in that the cloth of the second face consists of gauze.

17. A window decoration according to claim 2 and any one of claims 4-8 characterized in that the first face is formed by pleated, sheet-shaped material such as cloth having a coating which transmits at least substantially no light, and that the second face is formed by pleated, sheet-shaped material such as cloth having a coating which transmits light at least partially.

18. A window decoration according to claim 17, characterized in that the sheet-shaped material of the second face is perforated. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims characterized in that the first face is higher than the second face.

20. A window decoration, wherein the window decoration, when brought into a condition ready for use, comprises a first face extending in horizontal direction over at least substantially the full width of the window decoration and a second face extending in horizontal direction of the window decoration, the first face being located above the second face, and the second face being translucent, characterized in that, the first and the second face are formed by vertical slats, while to each of said slats it applies that it transmits substantially no light for a first portion of the relevant slat, said first portion forming part of the first face, and partially transmits light for a second portion of the relevant slat, said second portion forming part of the second face wherein the first face transmits substantially no light and the second face subdues the incident light in such a manner that a person present at his workplace in an inner space provided with the window decoration can still look outside through the second face.

- 21. A window decoration according to claim 20, characterized in that said second portion is of perforated design.
- 22. A window decoration according to claim 20 or 21 characterized in that said first portion is of non-perforated design.
- 23. A window decoration according to claim 20, 21 or 22 characterized in that the second face extends over at least substantially the full width of the window decoration.
- 24. A window decoration according to any one of claims 20-23, characterized in that the first and the second face adjoin each other.
- 25. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims 20-24) characterized in that the second face extends down to a lower side of the window decoration.
- 26. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims 20-25. characterized in that the first face extends up to an upper side of the window decoration.
- 27. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims 20-26, characterized in that the first and the second face each have a rectangular shape.
- 28. A window decoration according to any one of the preceding claims 20-27, characterized in that the first face is higher than the second face.

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